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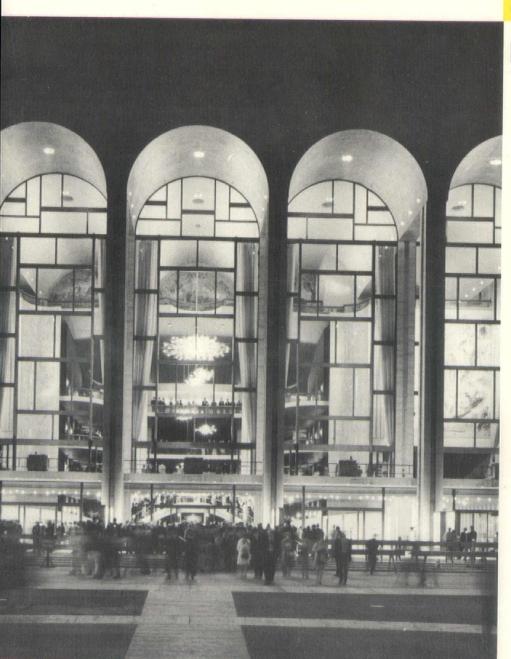
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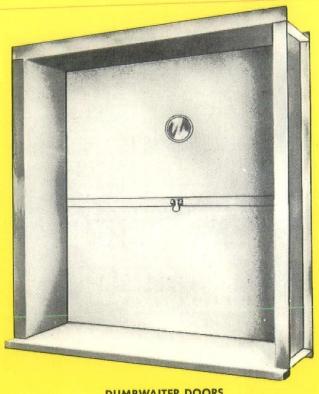
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CHALLENGE AND DIRECTION

Praise for one's predecessor seems an appropriate beginning. Praise is deserved and was earned by Mr. Samuel Kurtz, who for five dedicated years served as Editor of the Empire State Architect. His talents and conscientious efforts continued the publication on a high plane, as an important part of the New York State Association of Architects. Now Cochairman of the Publications Committee, continued devotion to a cause seems assured. Mr. Kurtz, to you—a large THANK YOU, all in "caps."

Many of you, from experience, know that one of the most difficult assignments in any field of endeavor is to follow success. You just can't argue with success, born of accomplishment, Paradoxically, one who follows in the paths of the successful is, many times untried, yet called "successor!" It is no doubt a premeditated attempt on the part of some ancient vocabulist to frustrate the new man by so dubbing him.

At the moment, my head throbs with concern from what I can imagine as an endless chant by a chorus of past editors, all in most pontifical attitudes intoning, "successor, successor failure, success-or else!" Whether these tensions are well founded or not, my immediate plight is that there is no known television commercial to cure such tensions, directly resulting from being a successor.

"There is nothing new under the sun", so we are told. As Architects we are still using the pyramid & arch, shapes conceived by the Architects of the Pharaohs and the Caesars. The challenge, ever present, and the Architects search for solutions, ever present, use these shapes

in a variety of concepts and in a more sophisticated manner. Similarly, the chemist or physicist, in creating all the new synthetics, and exotic materials, uses that same little atom; he has just found ways of changing the atomic structure.

Challenge and search for direction continues with the ever broadening demands of space and structure, and so it is with the Empire State Architect. Challenge and direction exist in proportion to its relative size in the Architectural Realm. Every editor worth his salt should believe that his prime function is to improve and achieve new levels of service, information, graphics, editorial persuasion and in this particular case, help sustain a proud servant to a statewide profession. It may prove impossible to accomplish all things, but not because we didn't try to regroup the atoms.

Guide lines should be set that will best serve and absorb the future needs and pressures, reflect the present problems, yet not ignore the past as basis and foundation. These guide lines, of necessity, must be predicated upon quality, sincerity, and general professional interest.

Inasmuch as Roster and Convention issues have proven successful feature editions, both from the standpoint of editorial content and advertising, it seems realistic to believe more feature issues should be conceived.

Among such, an awards issue for the best designs of the year from New York State Architects. Political and legal problems have their role in the Architect's production, and inasmuch as government at all levels is becoming more and more the client, it follows that law and politics would be consistently good subjects.

The continuing war on ugliness, preservation of historical monuments and buildings, features from the various Architectural Colleges in the State, items of transportation, parking, urban renewal, accompanied by prime editorial material written by authorities on these subjects should precipitate issues worthy of feature status.

Each chapter in the state assign a man with whom contact could be readily established when required. If not the Editor of the Chapter publications, some one who could, when required, assist in gathering editorial content or data for features needing state wide research or coverage. A standing reporter if you will, vital to a well knit operation.

The Officers, Board of Directors, the Executive Director, all have a standing invitation to use space in E.S.A. when the purpose suits, and the need for letting the constituency know, arises.

Finally, a good statewide publication that is read statewide, supported and contributed to statewide, can do much to eliminate the "upstate, downstate, my chapter is older than your chapter . . ." attitude. Not unlike "A Man for All Seasons", a publication for all chapters, is to be desired.

Two unusual apartment building complexes, an imaginative plan for the large scale redevelopment of a vital area of Manhattan, a uniquely designed recreation area and playground, and a successful effort in landmarks preservation were honored today by the Bard Awards Program.

The fifth annual Bard Awards for Excellence in Architecture and Urban Design were presented at an Awards Reception at The Plaza by the City Club of New York Albert S. Bard Civic Award Trust Fund, Secretary of the Interior Stewart L. Udall and Mayor John V. Lindsay were the guests of honor and principal speakers.

As is the custom in alternate years, the 1967 Bard Awards were given for outstanding achievement in projects owned, financed or aided by government agencies and built within the five boroughs of the City of New York. They were selected by an Awards Jury of four of the nation's most noted architects and urban designers including Philip C. Johnson, FAIA, Kevin Roche, Robert L. Zion and David A. Crane. The Bard Award Trust Fund was represented on the Jury by I. D. Robbins, Chairman of the Board of the City Club of New York.

Recipients of the Bard First Honor Awards for Excellence in Civic Architecture and Urban Design were as follows: University Plaza apartments, I. M. Pei and Partners, Architects; Chatham Towers apartments, Kelly & Gruzen, Architects; the Lower Manhattan Plan, a collaborative effort of Wallace, McHarg, Roberts & Todd, Architects and Planners, Whittlesey, Conklin & Rossant, Architects and Planners, and Alan M. Voorhees & Associates, Inc., Transportation and Planning Consultants.

An Award for Merit was presented for the design of the Riis Amphitheatre and Plaza to Pomerance & Breines, Architects, and M. Paul Friedberg & Associates, Landscape Architects.

A Special Citation for Land Marks Preservation was presented to Secretary of the Interior Stewart L. Udall for his efforts in the designation of Brooklyn Heights as a National Landmark.

The Bard Awards Program was established in 1961 to encourage excellence in architecture and urban design in New York. Its name honors the late Albert S. Bard, a former trustee of The City Club who for 60 years battled vigorously for a better, more beautiful city. The Program is directed by its creator, Leon Brand an architect and trustee of The City Club.

University Plaza is a group of three high-rise apartment towers located at the Washington Square campus of New York University. In selecting it for a Bard Award, the Jury noted, "In the future the ubiquitous free-standing tower may not be the solution for

housing, but it will be long before towers done under public assistance will achieve this level of excellence. I. M. Pei is a classicist in the Miesian tradition, but the grace of these towers and the felicitous juxtaposition are unique among city towers."

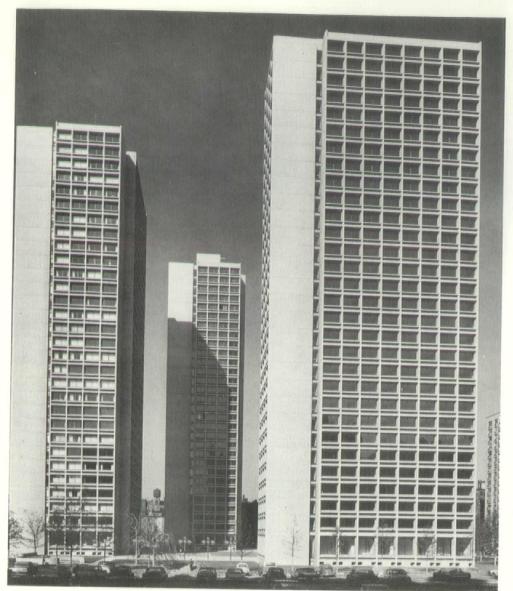
Close by City Hall, at Park Row, between Worth and Pearl Streets is the site of Chatham Towers; two apartment buildings that add a surprise to the skyline of downtown Manhattan. The critique by the Award Jury states, "Kelly and Gruzen have broken new ground with their housing project, Chatham Towers. Semi-public building in New York City is inherently and traditionally nearly impossible. "Projectitis" is endemic in our cities. This project is an astounding exception. Kelly and Gruzen's rough Expressionist towers, represent a new Romantic reaction from International style simplicity. The resulting design is strong, rough, but carefully detailed, excellently executed."

The Lower Manhattan Plan was commissioned by the New York City Planning Commission. In making this award, the Jury noted, "For the first time a Bard Award goes to large scale urban design. The Lower Manhattan Plan is not a mere pleasant image of an urban environment; it is not a mere large scale single development project. It is an excellent example of total environmental design, a guideline for many good works of architecture."

In giving a second Bard Award in three years to the design team that created the Riis Plaza and Amphitheatre, the Jury commented, "The establishment of the playground parks in the Jacob Riis Houses area is nothing short of a revolution. Where there were chain-link fences, there are play spaces. Where there was "KEEP OFF," there is now "COME IN." And people come. The crowds that come — from many blocks beyond the Project — prove the inadequacies of our present parks. This park has steps, benches, mountains, bridges, tree houses, fountains, theaters, perogolas, eight kinds of paving, and above all, architectural sequence-pacing variety, ingenuity."

The Special Citation in Landmarks Preservation was presented to Secretary of the Interior Udall with the following statement from the Awards Jury, "The establishment of Brooklyn Heights as a National Landmark is a landmark. The awareness of Secretary Udall that urban values have a value, that History, with a capital "H", has a history, is unique in American governmental annals. Unique for the Department of Interior to interest itself at last in more than water dams and Indians — in the very heart of our cities. Unique in that the choice should fall on the quintessential New York."

Next year the Bard Awards Program will return its focus to a search for excellence in the architecture and urban design of privately owned and sponsored projects.



". . . it will be long before towers done under public assistance will achieve this level of excellence."

AWARD

First Honor Award for Excellence in Civic Architecture and Urban Design

PROJECT

UNIVERSITY PLAZA

LOCATION

505 West Broadway, 100 and 110 Bleecker Street, Manhattan

ARCHITECT

I. M. Pei & Partners

STRUCTURAL ENGINEER

Farkas and Barron

GENERAL CONTRACTOR

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COMMENTS BY THE BARD AWARDS JURY

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AWARD First Honor Award for Excellence in Civic Architecture and Urban Design.

PROJECT CHATHAM TOWERS

LOCATION Park Row between Worth and Pearl Street, Manhattan

ARCHITECT Kelly & Gruzen

LANDSCAPE

ARCHITECT M. Paul Friedberg & Associates

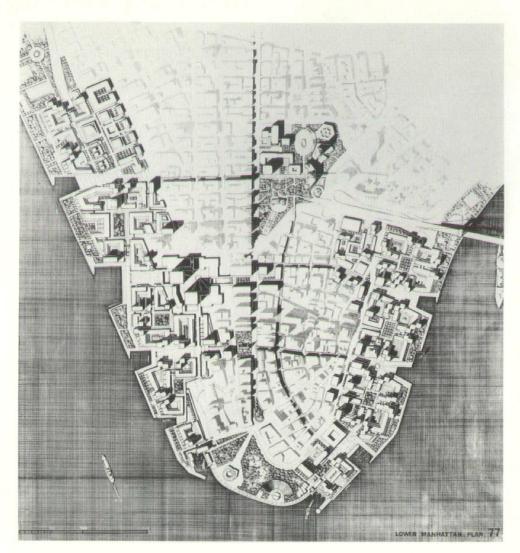
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"The treatment of vehicular and pedestrian traffic, the use of the waterfront, the varied patterns of city spaces are unique in New York planning."

AWARD

First Honor Award for Excellence in Civic Architecture and Urban Design

PROJECT

THE LOWER MANHATTAN PLAN

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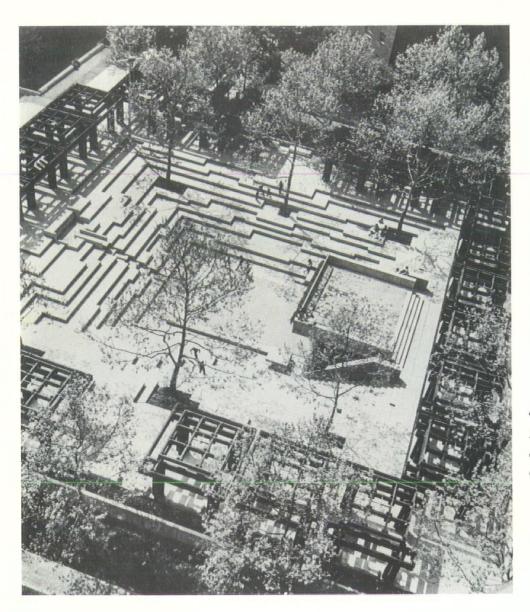
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"Since Olmsted's Central Park, New York has not had so fresh a start, so promising a paradigm."

AWARD Award for Merit in Civic Architecture and Urban Design

PROJECT RIIS AMPHITHEATRE AND PLAZA

LOCATION Avenue D and East 8th Street, Manhattan

ARCHITECT Pomerance & Breines

LANDSCAPE M. Paul Friedberg & Associates
ARCHITECT

OWNER New York City Housing Authority

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HONORARY A.I.A. MEMBERSHIPS

Among the six men who have rendered "distinguished service to the profession of Architecture, or to the Arts & Sciences allied therewith," Mr. Joseph Addonizio, Executive Director of the N.Y.S.A.A. and Edgar Kaufmann, Jr., Author and Educator, were recipients of this award of recognition from the American Institute of Architects.

The honors were presented at the A.I.A. Convention in New York City, May 15th, 1967.



Joseph F. Addonizio, H.A.I.A.

Joseph F. Addonizio, executive director of the New York State Association of Architects, AIA, is a native of New York City. He attended Cornell University and later entered the fields of journalism, public relations, fund-raising, and banking before switching to professional organization work. He joined the New York State Association of Architects, which has more than 2,700 members, 10 years ago.

Addonizio has done legislative work with the New York State Legislature for 35 years, and was once a research counsel to the New York State Senate. He has been managing director of the West of Central Park Association in New York City, vice chairman of the Metropolitan Fair Rent Committee in that city, executive vice president of the New York State Association of Real Estate Boards, and executive secretary of the Bronx Board of Trade.

Accomplishment is its own reward, yet nothing is so heart warming as a congratulatory message, or an appreciative word when next you meet. The New York State Association of Architects, well aware of such dedication, should be proud of "their man in New York."



Edgar Kaufmann, Jr., H.A.I.A.

Edgar Kaufmann, Jr., author and educator, has written five books on architect Frank Lloyd Wright, magazine articles on architecture and design, and is adjunct Professor of Architecture at Columbia University.

Born in Pittsburgh, he studied painting in New York and in Europe. In 1933-34, he was drawn to Taliesin by reading Wright's An Autobiography, and became an apprentice in the Taliesin Fellowship. In 1934, he joined his family's department store in Pittsburgh. Two years later, his family asked Wright to design a new week-end house. The result was Fallingwater, one of the most famous of modern homes, later presented by Kaufmann to the Western Pennsylvania Conservancy, now open to the public.

In 1940, Kaufmann joined the Museum of Modern Art in New York City, to become director of its department of Industrial Design.

After service with the Air Force in World War II, he returned to the Museum and worked on the series of Good Design Shows, produced in collaboration with Chicago's Merchandise Mart. He left the Museum in 1955 to write and teach. He has since been associated with many exhibitions at American and European museums, and organized the 1956 centennial exhibition honoring Louis H. Sullivan. He now works on a history of modern design, 1750 thru 1950.

An Honorary Life Member of the Art Institute of Chicago, he holds an honorary degree in Fine Arts from Allegheny College, and the first Award for Distinguished Service to Design given by the Industrial Designers Society of America.

NEW A.I.A. HEADQUARTERS BUILDING

SALE OF OCTAGON UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

On May 16 — The American Institute of Architects in convention gave final approval to the sale of its historic "Octagon" headquarters in Washington, D.C., to the American Institute of Architects Foundation which will restore it and maintain it as a historic and architectural landmark.

The action clears the way for construction of a new AIA headquarters building adjacent to the Octagon. A revised design of the new headquarters structure was unveiled for AIA members on Thursday, May 18.

Approval of the sale of the Octagon was unanimous. It came at the first business session of the 1967 annual convention of the AIA which was attended by more than 3,500 architects and guests.

The AIA Foundation, which will become owner of the Octagon, was established in 1942 to handle gifts and legacies for research and educational purposes. Its members are the officers and directors of the Institute, who appoint the Foundation's trustees.

The sale was conditional upon the foundation's adopting a Bylaw which would prohibit the resale, transfer or mortgaging of the property "except by a favorable vote of not less than two-thirds of the whole number of members of the Foundation at each of two duly held meetings not less than one year apart."

At its Denver convention last year, AIA gave first approval to the sale of the Octagon, and voted to purchase the 11,300 square foot Lemon Building Property adjacent to its present headquarters site.

By utilizing the property now occupied by the AIA headquarters, plus the Lemon Bldg. property, the Institute has assured itself of an adequate site to care for an expanding organization, and at the same time has made certain that the new structure will not encroach on the Octagon house.

NEW HEADQUARTERS BUILDING DESIGN UNVEILED AND APPROVED

A new design for a \$4 million headquarters building on an expanded site in Washington, D.C., was unveiled May 18th at the 99th annual convention of The American Institute of Architects.

Architects Mitchell/Giurgola Associates presented models and drawings of the new design to the 3,500 architects and their guests attending the week-long meeting. AIA's Board of Directors gave unanimous approval to the new design.

The new design provides almost twice as much usable floor space as was called for in the original design competition, and is significantly altered to further protect the Octagon house and garden.

The Octagon, a historic landmark once occupied by President James Madison, is at the corner of New York Avenue and 18th Streets, N.W. It was acquired by AIA in 1899 and has been kept open to the public since. It bears the plaque of a National Historic Landmark. The Institute's present headquarters is located behind and on two sides of the Octagon house, and will be razed to make way for the new structure.

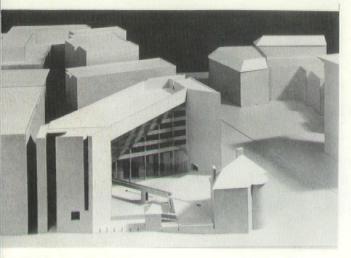
A major feature of AIA's plan for a new headquarters building is the restoration of the Octagon. To accomplish this, the Octagon house will be sold to the AIA Foundation which will restore and maintain the house in perpetuity as a public monument. Final approval of the sale was voted unanimously by the convention Tuesday. The AIA Foundation is conducting a drive to raise almost \$1 million for purchase and restoration of the Octagon.

Mitchell/Giurgola Associates won the original design competition for a new headquarters building. Subsequent to the competition, the Institute decided to expand its site by acquiring the adjacent Lemon Building property at a cost of about \$675,000. Another motive in calling for a new design was to increase the size of the Octagon garden.

The original design competition called for approximately 70,000 square feet of floor space. The new building design will provide in excess of 130,000 square feet.

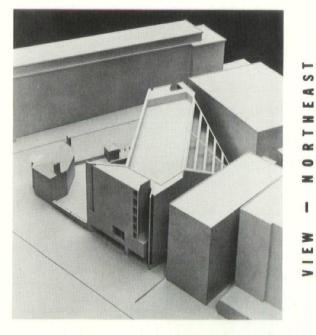
In addition to the gain in floor space, the principal differences in the design are in the handling of the facade that will provide a backdrop for the Octagon house, and the provision of a single main entrance to AIA functions and to office floors from New York Avenue.

The original design by Mitchell/Giurgola called for a circular and concave glass facade facing the Octagon house. The new design treats this facade in an unusual manner: Above the two-story exhibit and conference area at ground level, the five office floors successively step forward over the space of the garden. The architects said that this transposes the building alignment from the property lines to a line perpendicular to the main axis of the Octagon.



GARDEN VIEW — SOUTHWEST

"The projecting configuration of the building that results from his transposition helps make the space of the garden, develops he maximum area for the garden, and shields each floor from the irect rays of the sun to the southwest," the architects said. They oted that because the office floors are set back from the rear of he site, the introduction of natural light onto each floor from he northeast is achieved.



The new headquarters building will be a seven-story, reinproced concrete building. Exterior walls will be faced with brick elating to the brick of the Octagon house.

The architects said that the "building order develops naturaly from the conditions of the site and from the exigenicies of the rogram. A building order that would be ambiguous and incomlete in itself is clarified and completed by the presence of the otagon house, by the reassertion in the planes of the building of the geometry of the Octagon, and by the space of the garden that made by them and joins them into one building composition."

Construction of the new headquarters building is expected begin in about one year.

CONTRIBUTORY NEGLI-GENTS!

As pointed out in the preceeding articles, the Octagon has been sold, the new Headquarters is about to become reality, and there are over 50% of New York State's Architects who have yet to contribute to a proud cause. "When the scroll is hauled down yonder" let New York State be in the vanguard of supporters.

The need for the new Headquarters and for restoration of the Octagon is great. This is the new "front office" for the whole profession. Pledge what you know you can honor, contribute what you can afford.

But do it! Now!!

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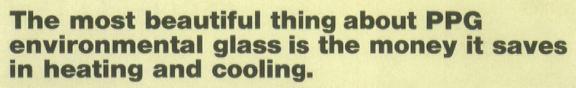
NEW ARCHITECTURAL SCHOOLS

ALBANY, N.Y.—The Board of Trustees of State University today approved a recommendation to the Governor and the Board of Regents that the Master Plan of State University be amended to authorize establishment of a School of Architecture at State University at Buffalo.

According to the Trustees' recommendation, the School of Architecture would enroll its first students in the Fall of 1968.

In requesting this broadening of the State University program, the Trustees pointed out that at present there is only one publicly supported school of architecture in the State, located at City University of New York. While several private schools offer architectural studies in various areas of the State, there is no such facility West of Syracuse or on Long Island; thus, the reason Buffalo was selected.

President Martin Meyerson of State University at Buffalo applauded the Trustees' action: "The establishment of a State University School of Architecture at Buffalo would be especially appropriate at this time, as we begin to develop plans for a vast new university complex and as the university becomes even more closely associated with the problems of urban redevelopment. Such a program would both complement and enrich the University's curricula and would be an integral part of our overall academic development. It can help tremendously in furthering the aesthetic character of Western New York in contributing to the construction industry and the public efforts to enhance our environment. We will work closely with faculty groups, the American Institute of Architects, and other professional societies in the formation of this school."

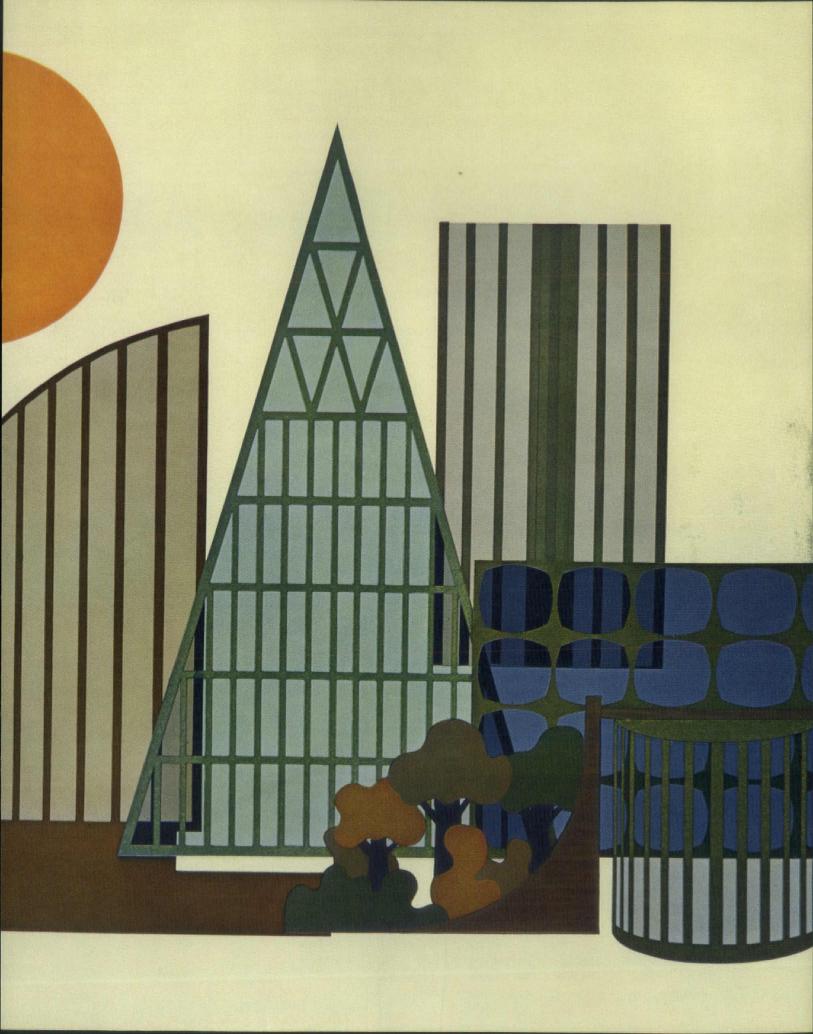


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ASPEN DESIGN CONFERENCE

JUNE 18-23

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Speakers for this year's International Design Conference in Aspen, June 18-23, include a Danish poet and mathematician, an actor and playwright, a Salk Institute scientist, and a New York underground film maker. Subject of the seventeenth annual design conference is "Order and Disorder."

Craig Ellwood, well known architect who is serving as the 1967 program chairman, announced today a partial list of this year's Aspen speakers. They include:

- Piet Hein, poet, mathematician, scientist, Denmark
- Peter Ustinov, producer, playwright, actor, Paris
- Dr. Jacob Bronowski, scientist, Salk Institute, La Jolla, Calif.
- Stan VanDerBeek, artist and underground film maker, New York
- Moshe Safdie, architect and creator of Habitat 67, the new concept in urban housing to be featured in Expo 67 in Montreal
- Paul Heyer, architect, city planner, and author of "Architects on Architecture," New York
- William Thomas, physicist, president of James B. Lansing, Sound, Inc., Los Angeles
- Jerzy Soltan, architect and educator, now lecturing at Harvard, Poland

Other featured speakers at this year's International Design Conference are these:

- John Whitney, designer of motion picture graphics, Los Angeles
- Max Bill, architect, artist, author, professor, Switzerland
- Theo Crosby, city planner, architect, author, London
- Christopher Alexander, professor at the University of California in Berkeley, author, architect, Berkeley
- William Arrowsmith, Professor of Classics, University of Texas, philosopher and literary critic, Austin, Texas

- Alfred Caldwell, landscape architect, educator, Los Angeles
- Jeffrey Lindsay, designer and constructor of space structures, Los Angeles
- Robert Propst, director of research division of Herman Miller Incorporated, artist, designer, inventor, Ann Arbor, Michigan
- Paul Weiss, biologist, New York
- Crosby M. Kelly, president of Crosby M. Kelly Associates, specialist in investor relations, New York
- Max Palevsky, logician, president of Scientific Data Systems, computor developers, Los Angeles

 Art Seidenbaum, writer, critic, Los Angeles

Eliot Noyes, president of the International Design Conference in Aspen, said that this year's conference promises to be "one of the most interesting we have ever had." In addition to an "extraordinarily varied group of speakers," said Noyes, the 1967 conference will also be "enlivened by foreign design students, the showing of experimental films, and the construction and flying of a giant kite by one of the speakers, a designer of space frames."

Program Chairman Ellwood has been long recognized as one of the nation's leading architects. His work has been exhibited through out the world, including one mar shows at Yale, University of California, University of Mexico, and elsewhere. He is one of the few Americans who have won the coveted first prize in the International Exhibition of Architecture.

The Aspen design conference is open to anyone interested in design. Registration fee is \$85; \$16 for wives and students. Additional information on the conference, accommodations, and registration forms may be obtained from the International Design Conference in Aspen, P. O. Box 664, Aspen Colorado.

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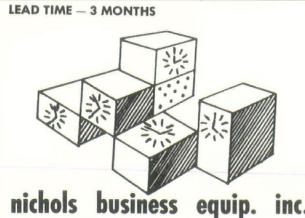
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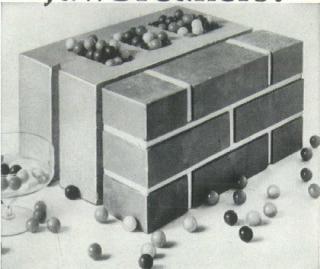
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SUNDAY, MAY 14TH

Convention Headquarters at the New York Hilton Hotel was an unbelievably busy place the week of May 14th thru 19th; an all too short week for the many places to go and the Convention events to attend.

As every good Convention must, registration was step one subsequent to checking in and making certain you had a valid reservation. Subways may be for sleeping, but you must admit un"conventional."

This report can in no way do justice to all the events but this will recall some of what I consider highlights.



Registration went well and all the pre-registered events, tickets, and directions took surprisingly little time.



Students also came in rather gratifying numbers; let the records show 676!

May they all return to their endeavors and continue in pursuit of their dreams and fervor for the pure architectural accomplishments that those I encountered espoused.

To complete the pure statistics, total registration, the largest in A.I.A. history was as follows:

Corporate members	1,738
Associate members	84
Students	670
Exhibitors	
Ladies	834
Guests	132
Grand total	4,627

The Convention Week would have been a little less memorable had it not been for the F.W. Dodge Party at the Whitney Museum, Sunday night, May 14.

The Whitney as stage, with the actors the Architects and their lovely Ladies on the one hand, were royally wined, hors d'oeuvred, and entertained on the other. This combined to blend strict museum decorum with a slight bacchanalian urge. These contrasting patterns of behavior seemed destined to cause a communal trauma of considerable proportions. However, the Profession rose to the occasion and with one big furtive glance back over its shoulder, to make sure Vitruvious wasn't looking, relaxed a bit and hummed awhile.

MONDAY, MAY 15TH

Inaugural Ceremonies on Monday morning began with Invocation by His Eminence, Francis Cardinal Spellman, Archbishop of New York.

Donald Q. Faragher, F.A.I.A. and Honorary Convention Chairman officially opened the convention.

The Host New York City Chapter extended its welcome by both its President, Max O. Urbahn, F.A.I.A., and chapter convention Chairman, E. Allen Dennison.



Governor Nelson A. Rockefeller welcomed all to New York State.

Doctor Marshall McLuhan followed the Inaugural Ceremonies with the Third Annual Purves Lecture. "Knowledge and the Future of Man." Dr. McLuhan is Author and Director of the Centre for Culture and Technology, University of Toronto.

". . . Auditory space not visual, is the new Art Form. Electronic communications is forcing the Western World to separate itself from a 2500 year devotion to visual space and rediscover the characteristics of the spaces generated by the other senses. The characteristics of an electronic culture is auditory space; which has no center and no margins since we hear from all directions simultaneously."

Dr. McLuhan told the convention the whole world may be coming a "happening." A "happening is a "programmed art form" in which the environment becomes a work of art. Service industries, government, educational and entertainment networks are involved in creating "happenings" or in transforming the environment into a work of art.

The Honor Awards Luncheon followed the Purves Lecture with Invocation by Reverend Dr. William F. Rosenblum, Rabbi Emeritus, Temple Israel. Presentation of awards by A.I.A. President Charles Nes was the highlight of the Luncheon. Awards were presented to:

Leon Chatelain Jr., F.A.I.A. F. Stuart Fitzpatrick Award Robert H. Levison, F.A.I.A. Edward C. Kemper Award Constantino Nivola Fine Arts Medal Sister Mary Remy Revor Craftsmanship Medal Ivan Chermayeff Industrial Arts Medal Richard Kelly Allied Professions Medal William C. Hedrich Architectural Photography Medal **Boston Architectural Center** Citation of an Organization Hugh Stubbins and Associates Architectural Firm Award

MONDAY AFTERNOON

The first of four Theme Sessions was addressed by Dr. Harold Taylor. Dr. Taylor came into prominence when at the age of 30 he became the President of Sarah Lawrence College. At present he is Vice Chairman of the National Committee for Support of the Public Schools, and a member of the National Research Council on Peace Strategy; both of which he was instrumental in founding.

Dr. Taylor spoke on "Education and the Human Environment." He believes the American School systems treat creative arts including design and Architecture, "as something you do after school or in the evening, and the general public is unprepared and unable to judge what is good and what is bad in its environment."

Dr. Taylor stated, "the problem consists in developing the sensibility of the young, and of everyone not young, toward visual experience, teaching people how to see. If then we raise a population of visual illiterates, we are raising our children and depriving them of esthetic experience by the circumstances of their education. Teachers, by and large have not had direct experience with art forms. As a result, the teacher's taste in the fields of the arts, visual or otherwise is about that of the rest of the population. In the absence of such resources in the schools, the public is the victim of the tastes of the manipulators of the mass media and the standards of a mass culture."

"Theater, music, dance, poetry, painting, sculpture all should be entered as full fledged subjects with status equal to the "hard" subjects."

MONDAY EVENING

The President's Reception held at the Metropolitan Museum of Art was distinctly a success. It was less intimate than that of the preceding evening because this occupied one floor of the Museum and it was far flung by comparison with the four floo Whitney affair. The picture below is a panorama with receiving line directly in front of the colonade



President Nes received the congratulations of I fellow Architects, and deservedly so; he wears su cess well.

It seemed a most fitting setting in which the Architects should gather, surrounded by the class forms of the past, and solemnly watched over by plicas if not indeed, the remains of the great Rule whose Architects helped conceive the profession, the those shown gathered are dedicated to continue a improve.

TUESDAY, MAY 16TH

The first Business Session with President M presiding was held; bylaws and official business we reviewed and transacted, among which one of t most important transactions was the sale of the Oc gon. (see report pages 12 and 13)

Cessation of Official Business promptly at 11 A.M. to present Honorary A.I.A. Memberships wa highpoint to the session.



of Architecture and being presented these Memberships by President Nes on the right, and from right to left:

Joseph F. Addonizio

Executive Director New York State Association of Architects

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Lithographer, painter and teacher James M. Fenelon

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John Erik Jonsson

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Response to these Honors was made by Mr. Jonsson.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON

After returning from a large number of Alumni Luncheons, the convention reconvened for the Second Theme Session: "Practice."

The address was given by Charles Luckman, F.A.I.A. on the subject ". . . Our Uncommon Profes-



Mr. Luckman is president of Charles Luckman Associates, one of the five largest firms in the world. He also enjoyed a most successful business career as president of the American Lever Brothers Co. at age 37. Winner of 37 Honor awards and licensed in 48 states and the District of Columbia (by written exam) makes him the most widely licensed architect in the

In his address, Mr. Luckman said, "it is easy to be creative without a budget; it is infinitely more difficult, but equally rewarding, to be creative within the budget. Architects have a responsibility to furnish clients with accurate cost estimates and adhere to budgets." Luckman said, "the results of creative cost control can be better design, better planning, more efficient service and more satisfied clients."

At the same time he felt we should give more

thought to money . . . "ours!" Finally, he said, "design is a field in which a man may wander and gather as many ideas as his fancy dictates. Architecture is the field in which the concept must be translated into reality."

TUESDAY NIGHT

Immediately following the "Architects at home or in office" parties, those that so desired went on a boat tour of Lower Manhattan.

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The weather was cool, the entertainment was "cool man!" and the kaleidescopic view of Manhattan cast an indelible image on memory's screen.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 17TH

The Third Theme Session: "Design and Politics" had as the major speaker the Honorable John V. Lindsay Mayor of the City of New York.

Mayor Lindsay opened his address with a quote from John Ruskin: ". . . architecture is a distinctively political art." The Mayor felt conversely that it was clear that those in politics had not yet mastered the art of attaining distinctive architecture. He believes that a strong kinship unites the two professions of Architecture and Politics: "We share anonymity in

success, and notoriety in failure."

It will be recalled mayor Lindsay took office with the stated objective of making New York "... a city for people and for living." His keen wit promption ted him to remind everyone that when he came to office the reservoirs were empty, and now they are full, thus doing all he could to fulfill campaign ob-

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WEDNESDAY EVENING

An evening at Lincoln Center, the Metropolitan Opera and a performance by the Royal Ballet! This statement certainly needs no further embellishment; nor does the Metropolitan Opera House, yet it may be this very opulence, the aura of the "Met", and a Sol Hurok Production that will outlast all memories.





If these should dim, one only need hear the mention of champagne and all will return to the effervescent moments of the reception that followed at the New State Theater.

While the Host New York City Chapter received a unanimous vote of approval from the Convention for its warm welcome, hospitality, thoughtfulness, and the thorough job of planning; The Empire State Architect for the record commends the New York Chapter, its Officers, Directors, the Women's Architectural Auxiliary and all whose special efforts made possible the Ballet, the Reception, and the A.I.A. Guide to New York City: a total success.

THURSDAY, MAY 18TH

President Charles M. Nes, Jr., F.A.I.A. addressed the last business session, as one of farewell as President. He said, "no special wisdom is conferred on a man when he is elected to serve as officer or director. What is imposed on such a man, is a high order of responsibility."

This the Convention agreed wholeheartedly within their unanimous approval of a Commendation of President Nes for giving unselfishly of his time and considerable talents during his past year of service.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON

The Fourth Theme Session "Technology" was addressed by Arthur Clarke, author, astronomer, inventor.

Mr. Clarke predicted that Newspapers will be replaced by electronic communication. The universal language will probably be English due to global T.V. There will be thinking machines and man will have largely "dis-invented work." (We're already hot after this one.)

Our future hunting grounds will be the deep sea and outer space, and by the end of the next century there will be colonies on the moon and ones on Mars under development. "Would you believe . . .?"

As parting encouragement to the profession he predicted "synchronous skyscrapers" 22,000 miles high can be built!

THURSDAY EVENING

The Annual Dinner and Dance brought a very active and successful week to conclusion. Eighty-two Fellows participated in the Investiture ceremonies. Among those were eight from New York State and are as follows:

Alfred B. Bauer, Simon Breines, George D. Brown, Alan Burnham, Victor A. Lundy, George Nemeny, Isadore Rosenfield, Simon B. Zelnik.

Only one Gold Medal can be awarded each year and Wallace K. Harrison, F.A.I.A. was this year's recipient. The citation reads as follows:

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Mr. Harrison first eulogized by Governor Rockefeller was then presented the Gold Medal by Charles M. Nes Jr., F.A.I.A.

In accepting this highest award from his fellow professionals he asked, "How can I say thanks for the greatest honor an architect can receive? It is impossible."

In conclusion he said, "The future of architecture is more exciting, more challenging than any other discipline. The denigration of the city must be of the past. We have a new world to build — not for science — not for the machines — not for materialism — but for the human beings — for man."



President Nes' final duty was the passing of the torch to the newly elected President Robert L. Durham, F.A.I.A. of Seattle, Washington. We wish him well and Godspeed to where ever his office carries him in the ensuing months. Under his banners there should be neither slackening of pace nor duty.



No resume of the Convention would be complete without acknowledgement of the week long efforts of the Producers' Council and their many fine displays. Their enthusiasm, efforts, and hospitality seemed inexhaustible.

American St. Gobain Corporation was considered the "best of show" for their exhibit. A jury selected the ten best exhibits and the Architects then balloted to select what in their opinion, was the outstanding display. (No photo available!)

Canada was also awarded a special commendation scroll by the A.I.A. for its entry in the Building Products Exhibit. It was the first time in A.I.A. history that such an award was made. The Awards Jury unanimously agreed it was the best they had ever viewed.

(Ed: Hear, Hear!)

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Architects are not trained to be businessmen and when they get that first commission and decide to set up an office of their own, much can happen to deflate their enthusiasm, professional ethics and finances. To guide them through this difficult period, and to help them carry on as their practice grows and becomes more complicated, appears to be the purpose of this book; and in this respect it serves its purpose well.

Based on the author's personal experience it contains examples of his mistakes and errors in business judgment seasoned with spicy anecdotes, mundane advice, production methods, accounting practices, and illustrations of his work. Its scope includes such topics as setting up the office, getting the client, handling the client, design and presentation, public relations, employee relations, production efficiency, cost control and accounting, fees, ethics, legal aspects, and architectural practice of the past, present and future.

For the small office, it alerts the architect to the necessity of establishing an orderly procedure to meet the challenge of a growing practice; for the larger office it provides a basis of comparison with its own methods — and may stimulate new procedures or suggest improvement of those now in use.

Its message is clear and succinct, providing much information on the business of architecture that is not available in this form elsewhere today. It is also an interesting account of how one architect has succeeded in managing the business end of architecture without sacrificing his professional attitude.

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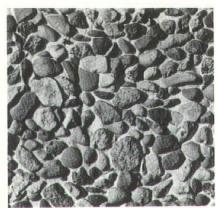
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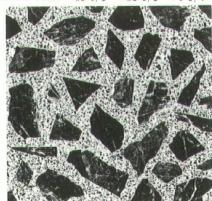
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PEOPLE

MAX O. URBAHN, F.A.I.A. BOARD ELECTS NEW PRESIDENT

Max O. Urbahn, head of the New York architectural firm which bears his name, became the 36th President of the New York Board of Trade on March 1, succeeding James T. Gill, Vice President of Manufacturers Hanover Trust Company, who is now Chairman of our Board of Directors.

Mr. Urbahn, a former professor of architectural design at Yale University, is responsible for the design of many office buildings, industrial plants, and government facilities in the United States and overseas. He was chief designer of the key facilities of N.A.S.A.'s Project Apollo program at Cape Kennedy; and, in midtown Manhattan, designed the Franklin D. Roosevelt Post Office topped by a high-rise office tower — one of the numerous new architectural concepts for which he has become known.

Active in public affairs, Mr. Urbahn was responsible for establishing the Architectural Advisory Council of the New York Board of Trade. He has also served as President of the New York Chapter of the American Institute of Architects.

MAURICE AUSTIN PAYNE, JR., A.I.A.

MAURICE AUSTIN PAYNE, JR., A.I.A. has been appointed assistant director of governmental affairs for THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS, William H. Scheick, F.A.I.A., executive director of the Institute, has announced.

P. WHITNEY WEBB, A.I.A.

P. WHITNEY WEBB, A.I.A., has been appointed an Associate in the firm of FREDERICK G. FROST JR. and Associates, New York architectural firm which was founded by Frederick G. Frost Sr., in 1917 and is presently celebrating its 50th year in practice.

WILLIAM A. PLYER, A.I.A.

WILLIAM A. PLYER, A.I.A. has been appointed an Associate of PETROFF AND JONES ASSOCIATES, Architects. He will also continue as the Director of Design for the New York firm.

Mr. Plyer is a member of the New York Chapter of the American Institute of Architects and of the New York State Society of Architects. Holder of the Leopold Schepp Foundation Professional Scholarship, he received his Bachelor of Architecture degree With Honors from the School of Architecture of Pratt Institute, and, continuing his education at Pratt, earned the degree Master of Architecture.

J. CARLETON JONES

The appointment of J. CARLE-TON JONES as director of information services for THE AMERI-CAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS has been announced by William H. Scheick, F.A.I.A. executive director of the institute.

Mr. Jones was elected to membership in the Public Relations Society of America in 1964. He holds awards of the Middle Atlantic Association of Industrial editors and the Virginia State Conference on Public Relations for the excellence of public relations printed materials.

Mr. Jones is a graduate of the University of Missouri and is a member of the Missouri Society of Washington, the South Carolina Society of Washington and Beta Theta Pi national fraternity.

In his new appointment with the A.I.A., Mr. Jones succeeds Richard S. Stitt who resigned to organize a new public relations agency in Phoenix, Arizona.

AWARDS

Architect PHILIP JOHNSON, FAIA, received the Medal of Honor of the New York Chapter, American Institute of Architects. The Chapter's highest award was given to the distinguished architect of the Seagram Building and the N.Y.' State Theater during a ceremony at Lincoln Center marking the 100th Anniversary of the New York A.I.A.

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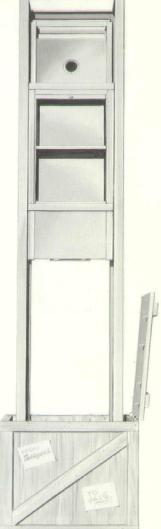
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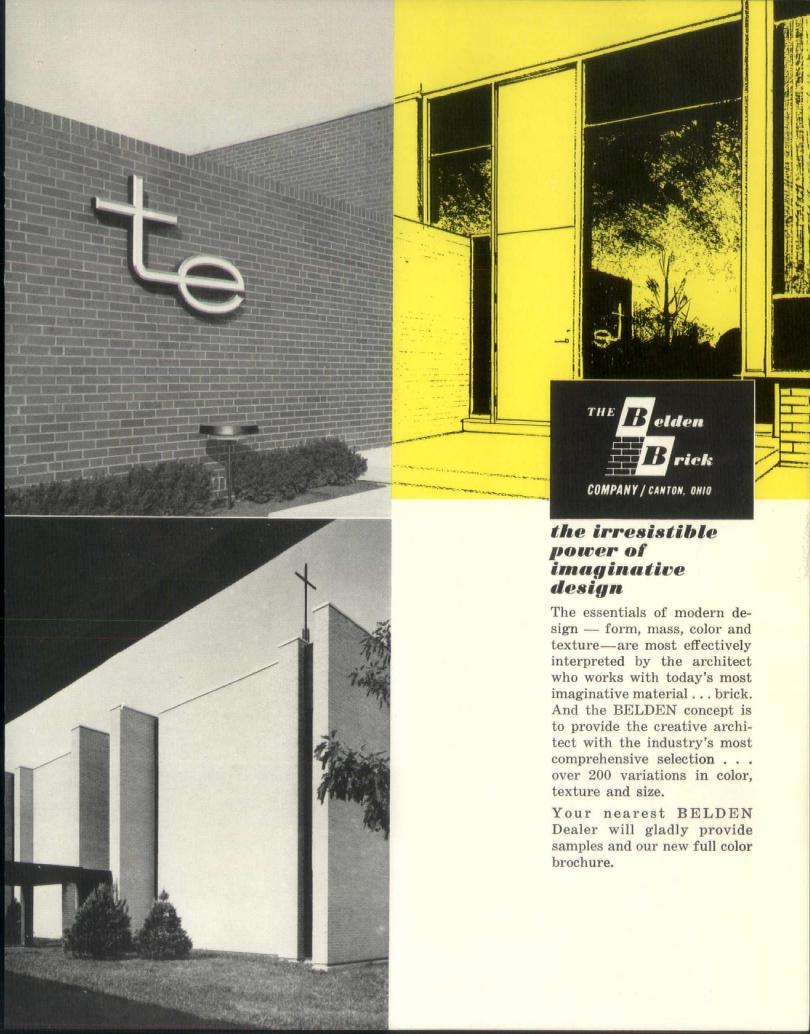
One is to be a 44-story office building, the tallest in upstate New York. There are four other identical 23-story office buildings to be sheathed with this same marble.

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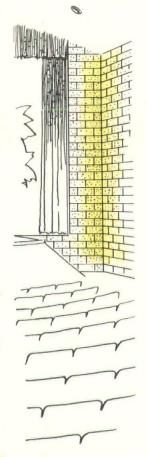
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- (a) Factors based on tests of 6T unit (51/3" x 12" x 4") with 207-1/4" diameter holes in symetrical pattern.
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